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SUBJECT: ALFREDO BRAVO DETENTION

REF: STATE 231079

1. DURING MEETING AT FOREIGN MINISTRY
ON MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 28 BETWEEN
REVEREND WILLIAM SLOAN COFFIN, CAPT.
NELSON RAUL CASTRO, GENERAL
COORDINATOR FOR EXTERNAL POLICY AND
EMBASSY POLOFF, CAPT. CASTRO INDICATED
HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT ALFREDO BRAVO
WOULD BE RELEASED IN NEAR FUTURE. CASTRO
STATED THAT DETENTION OF ALFREDO BRAVO
"PERHAPS WAS A MISTAKE".

2. PER REFTEL, EMBASSY POLOFF RAISED
BRAVO CASE THAT AFTERNOON WITH ACTING HEAD
OF FONOFF HUMAN RIGHTS WORKING GROUP,
COUNSELOR FLORES. POLOFF EMPHASIZED
CONSIDERABLE INTEREST SHOWN BY AFL-CIO IN ALFREDO
BRAVO CASE ESPECIALLY AS AFL-CIO TEAM HAD MET WITH BRAVO
IN HIS CAPACITY AS CO-PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINE PERMANENT
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ASSEMBLY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS THE DAY PRIOR TO HIS ABDUCTION.
FLORES RESPONDED THAT FONOFF APPRECIATED GREAT US INTEREST
IN ALFREDO BRAVO CASE AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CAPT.
CASTRO'S PREDICTION OF BRAVO'S NEAR TERM RELEASE IS
CORRECT.

3. PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN IN BRAVO CASE CONTINUES IN

ARGENTINE PRESS. ON SEPTEMBER 26, FOR EXAMPLE 3X5 INCH LARGE TYPE ADVERTISEMENT APPEARED IN "LA PRENSA/ THANKING THOSE WHO HAD GIVEN SUPPORT AND CALLING ON PRESIDENT VIDELA TO ANNOUNCE BRAVO'S FREEDOM AS AN ACT OF JUSTICE. THE ADVERTISEMENT STATED THAT IT WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF FRIENDS.

4. BRAVO CASE HAS BEEN A RALLYING POINT FOR BOTH LABOR AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS HERE. BRAVO'S RELEASE IN THE NEAR FUTURE WOULD BE VERY ENCOURAGING TO THESE GROUPS AS SHOWING INCREASING GOA RESPONSIVENESS TO PUBLIC PRESSURE. MORE DETACHED POLITICAL OBSERVERS WOULD SEE BRAVO RELEASE AS A VICTORY FOR VIDELA FORCES, AS WIDESPREAD BELIEF IS THAT THE TAKING OF BRAVO DURING VIDELA'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER BRAVO'S MEETING WITH AFL-CIO REPRESENTATIVES WAS AN ACT UNDERTAKEN IN THE NAME OF "ANTI-SUBVERSION", BUT IN FACT FOR ITS POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS.
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